

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

VALERIE FLORES,

Plaintiff,

-against-

AMBER VANG (SOCIAL WORKER), et al.,

Defendants.

1:24-CV-6676 (LTS)

ORDER

LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN, Chief United States District Judge:

By order dated and entered September 12, 2024, the Court transferred this action to the United States District Court for the Central District of California. (ECF 4.) On May 2, 2025 – seven months and twenty days after that order was entered – Plaintiff filed the present motion “to seal case caption and the entirety of the case to include all documents and to remove [the] case from any legal website and . . . from search engines such as Google, Bing, etc.” (ECF 5, at 1.) She asserts that she brings this motion “for various job related reasons and other factors.” (*Id.*)

This action commenced when Plaintiff filed her complaint on August 23, 2024, and it was entered on the court’s publicly available electronic docket on September 9, 2024 – approximately eight months before Plaintiff filed the present motion on May 2, 2025. This action has been a matter of public record since her complaint was entered. Thus, any of Plaintiff’s concerns arising from the filing of this action, or from the information contained in any of the court filings in this action, have no legal relevance now that this action and its court filings have been available on this court’s publicly available electronic docket since September 9, 2024. Accordingly, the Court denies Plaintiff’s motion.¹ (ECF 5.)

¹ Even if the Court did grant Plaintiff’s motion insofar as sealing the docket of this action and all of the submissions filed in this action, the Court has no authority to remove any information about this action already gathered by private internet platforms.

The Court certifies, under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3), that any appeal from this order would not be taken in good faith and, therefore, *in forma pauperis* status is denied for the purpose of an appeal. *Cf. Coppedge v. United States*, 369 U.S. 438, 444-45 (1962) (holding that an appellant demonstrates good faith when he seeks review of a nonfrivolous issue).

SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 28, 2025
New York, New York

/s/ Laura Taylor Swain

LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN
Chief United States District Judge